MQC

MAILPIECE QUALITY CONTROL

On-Line Examination User Guide



STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE FOR INTERNET STUDENTS

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OVERVIEW

Mailpiece Design – Introduction:

The MQC program is the Postal Service's certification program for mailpiece design. Recently revised, the program is all new for a new millennium. The course is designed for individuals responsible for creating mailpieces for entry into the U.S. Postal Service's mailstream. After completing this course, you will better understand the acceptance requirements of the USPS as they relate to mailpiece design.

The program incorporates a self-study guide in which you learn at your own pace. When you're ready to take the examination, please fill out the MQC Order Form requesting the final exam. If you pass, you'll receive a certificate recognizing you as the "Mailpiece Quality Control Specialist" for your company. This course will give you the confidence that your mailpieces will qualify for postal discounts and meet all relevant standards for mailing at the rate and class you desire.

Website: http://ribbs.usps.gov/

Cost: Depends on what the customer has ordered.

• Option 1: Administrator's Guide	\$25.00
• Option 2: Student Package	\$50.00 (Qty Less Than 10)
	or
	\$25.00 (Qty 10 or More)
• Option 3: Resource Kit	\$20.00
• Option 4: Final Examination	\$25.00

Audience: • Anyone interested in becoming a Mailpiece Quality Control Specialist

Customer Support:

• Refer all calls to the MQC Representatives (call 1-800-331-5746 and ask to speak with a MQC representative)

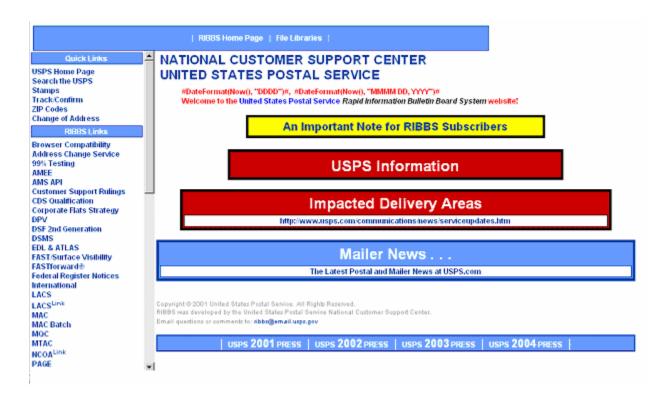
Technical Support:

- Account Maintenance / Setup
- Update MQC Certified Specialist List
- Create Customer Certificates
- Respond to E-Mail Account
- Create/Grade MQC Specialist Exam

The information on the following pages will provide instructions and visual aids to assist the student in the MQC website.

To obtain MQC information, please type in the following website URL address:

http://ribbs.usps.gov/



On the left hand side under "RIBBS Links" click on "MQC" and the next screen will appear.

On this main menu select an option:



Select from the following choices:

MQC Overview – An overview of MQC (please refer to page 6)

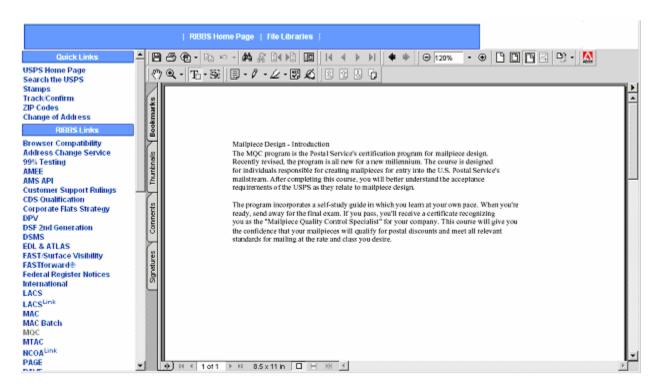
MQC Order Form – Order form (please refer to page 7)

MQC Examination – The on-line exam can be completed when the student receives their 'Confirmation Number' (please refer to page 9)

MQC Specialist List – Provides the Company/Specialist Name, City/State, and Expiration Date

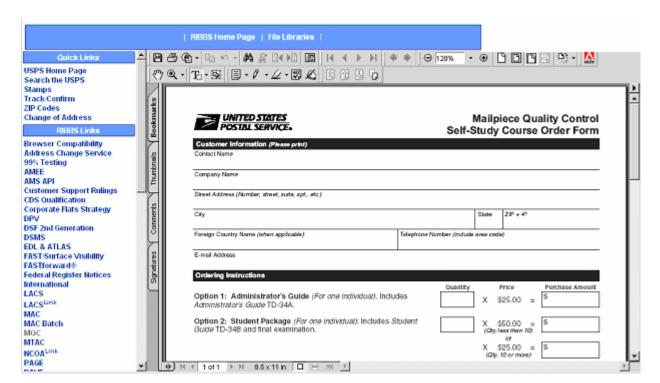
MQC Documents – Consists of the above choices/selections plus more (please refer to pages 23 and 24)

This is the **MQC Overview**:



See page 3 for the overview statement.

This is the MQC Order Form:



This MQC Order Form is a manual process; orders are not taken over the telephone. The order form is completed by a company representative or customer and submitted *(instructions are on the order form)* with payment to the National Customer Support Center Accounts Receivable department, checks are payable to the United States Postal Service. Once payment has been received, MQC administration will generate a confirmation number for each exam ordered. The examination confirmation number(s) will be sent electronically to the customer or company contact. It is imperative that an eMail address is provided on the order form.

NOTE: The student has **six months from the order date to complete the examination.** After six months the confirmation number expires and a new order form and payment must be submitted.

NOTE: Option 2 and Option 4 offer the choice of either the (hardcopy) or (on-line) examination, please check one of the boxes for the type of examination you want.

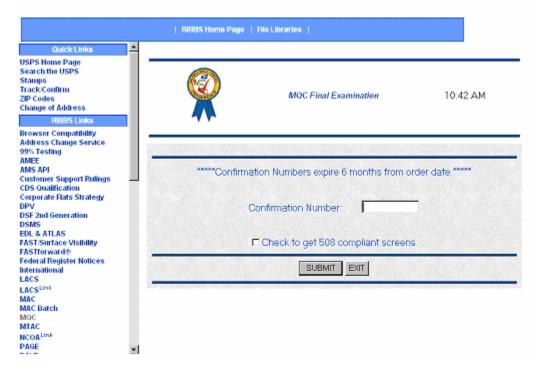
COMPLETING THE MQC ORDER FORM

The company or customer will need to complete the following sections on the MQC Order Form:

- Customer Information (*Please Print*) All fields in this section are required:
 - Contact Name (Administrator' or Student's name)
 - Company Name
 - Street Address (Number, Street, Suite, Apt., etc.)
 - City
 - State
 - ZIP+4
 - Foreign Country Name (When Applicable)
 - Telephone Number (*Include Area Code*)
 - e-Mail Address (Contact's e-Mail Address)
- Ordering Instructions (*Please fill in only the sections that apply*):
 - Option 1: Administrator's Guide (Fill in the Quantity and Purchase Amount as applicable)
 - Option 2: Student Package Includes hardcopy (Fill in the Quantity and Purchase Amount as applicable) NOTE: Student Guide is available for download at http://pe.usps.gov/ free of charge.
 - Option 3: Resource Kit Includes Publication 95; Quick Service Guide; Publication 32, Glossary of Postal Terms; Notice 67, Automation Template; Notice 3-A, Letter-Size Mail Dimensional Standards Template; Item 07, Automation Gauge; Postal Explorer CD (which includes the Domestic Mail Manual, Quick Service Guides, Postal Zone Charts, Postage Statements, International Mail Manual, Rate Calculator, publications and more); and current issues of Memo to Mailer; Postal Bulletin; and Mailer's Companion. (Fill in the Quantity and Purchase Amount as applicable)
 - Option 4: Final Examination (Fill in the Quantity and Purchase Amount as applicable)
- Payment Method *(as applicable)*. Make check payable to the "United States Postal Service".
- When complete please fax to the fax number on the order form or mail to the address on the order form.

MQC Examination:

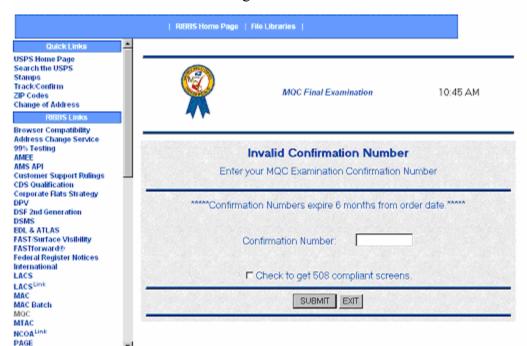
On the examination screen below enter the Confirmation Number then click "SUBMIT".



NOTE: Students must complete the examination within 6 months and have up to 4 attempts to pass the exam from the order date, after which the confirmation number will expire.

If the Confirmation number entered is not correct an error message (Invalid Confirmation Number) will be displayed. Please verify the Confirmation number entered. Once the confirmation number has been authenticated, the system will check to see if a student has been assigned to the examination or if they will need to add a new student record.

The 508 compliant checkbox should be checked if the user needs handicapped accessible screens.



The below screen reflects the message of an "Invalid Confirmation Number":

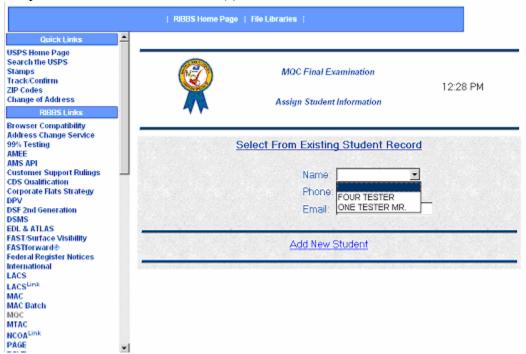
Try the Confirmation Number again in case of a keying error, then "SUBMIT" again.

Once the Confirmation Number is accepted, the next screen will appear and the student will either click on the drop down arrow to see if they exist in the system or will have to Add A New Student.

The drop down arrow will display a list of students already in the MQC System. If the student name appears in the list, select the name.

If the student name does not exist (do not select a name) type in the student's Name, Phone Number, and eMail address, and then click "Add New Student" and the system will add the new student information.

Drop Down List of Student Name(s):



Enter the new student's information on the fields that apply (First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name, Suffix-(Jr, Sr, III...), Phone Number, and eMail) and click "ADD NEW STUDENT":



Updating student information:

If the student's record exists in the MQC database, the student name, phone number, and eMail address will be displayed.

The student may edit this information and click "UPDATE". Student data will be saved. The first page of the MQC Final Examination will display the student's name.

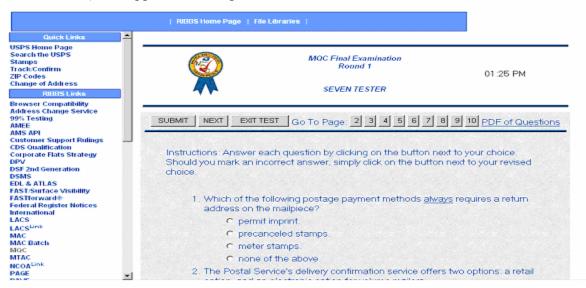


If the student gets an error message and is unable to access the MQC examination, it may be their Internet Browser Setup that they need to adjust, please take the following steps:

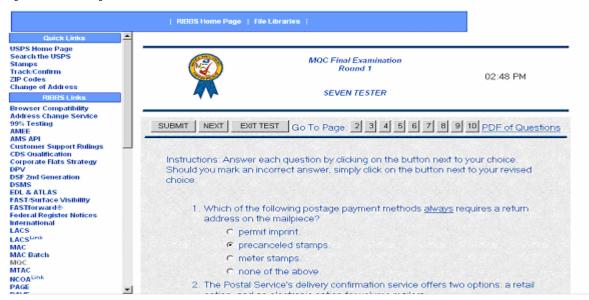
- 1. Open "Internet Explorer"
- 2. Click "Tools", and then click "Internet Options"
- 3. Click on the "Privacy" tab, and then click "Advanced"
- 4. Put a $\sqrt{\text{(check mark)}}$ in the box by "Override automatic cookie handling"
- 5. Put a $\sqrt{\text{(check mark)}}$ in the box by "Always allow session cookies"
- 6. Click "OK" and EXIT Internet Explorer
- 7. Re-open "Internet Explorer" and try to access the MQC examination again

If the above steps do not work then please call 1-800-238-3150 and ask to speak with someone in the MQC Department and they will assist the student further.

Once a student has been assigned to the examination, the screen below (MQC Final Examination) will appear reflecting the student's name and current round number:



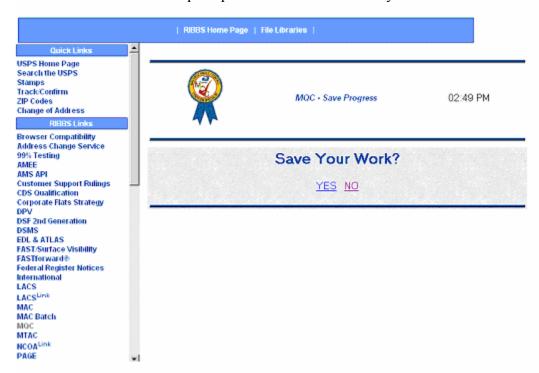
Student begins the exam by selecting a radio button next to the answer. While in the exam DO NOT leave the system idle for more than 30 minutes because it will log the student out of the system and any work that was not saved will be lost.



The student will start choosing the answers by clicking **only one radio button for each question number.** There are 100 questions.

If the student has **not** completed the exam and wishes to finish at a later time, click "**EXIT TEST**"; the system will ask the student if they want to "Save Your Work? YES or NO". This will not count has an attempt or round as long as the student does not click 'Submit' after all 100 questions have been answered. If "YES" is clicked it will save your answers, if "NO" is clicked it will not save your answers, (see the next screen that will prompt the student to save their work).

This is the screen that will prompt the student whether they want to save their work or not:



When the student is ready to start the exam again, just re-enter the same confirmation number and click "SUBMIT", then enter the "Last Name" (which will be the student's last name for that exam) and click "SUBMIT". The system will bring up the exam with the previously saved answers.

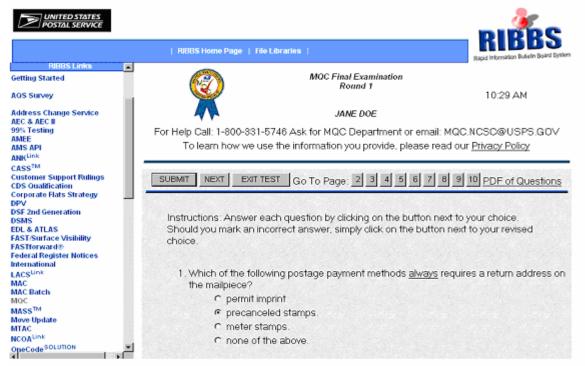
The below screen is where the student will type in their Confirmation Number to re-enter the exam and then click "SUBMIT":



The next screen is where the student will enter the "Last Name", then click "SUBMIT":



The below screen shows the student they are back in their examination, it will reflect the student's name and the current round number:

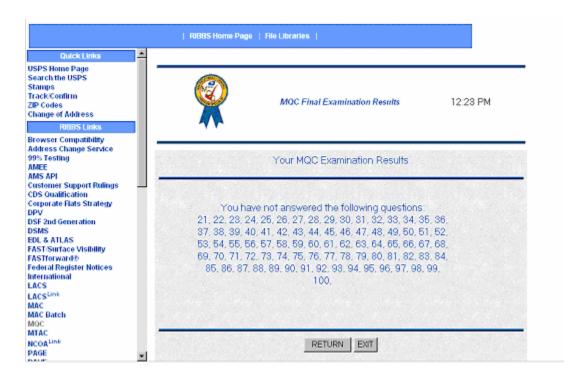


NOTE: When the student has completed the exam (all 100 questions have been answered) and wants the exam to be graded/evaluated, click "SUBMIT".

If the student wants a copy of the exam's questions and answers (and if their company permits); they will need to "EXIT TEST", save the work, and go back into the exam and click "PDF of Questions" and view/print the exam, then click "SUBMIT" so the system will grade the exam.

Before the evaluation process begins, the system will verify that all questions have been answered. If there are any unanswered questions, the following screen will be displayed stating "You have not answered the following questions: 21, 22,...". As shown below, a listing of unanswered question(s) appear. Click "RETURN" to go back to the examination and answer the unanswered question(s). Once the questions have been answered, click "SUBMIT" again. If the student does not wish to return to the exam, click "EXIT" to exit the examination. The student will be prompted to indicate whether or not to save all current answers.

Since the exam was not evaluated this does not count as an attempt and the student will remain on their current round number.

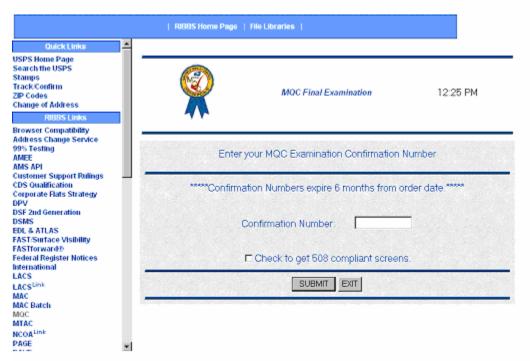


If the student clicks "**RETURN**", the first page of the exam will be displayed. Answers can be revised and the exam can be resubmitted.

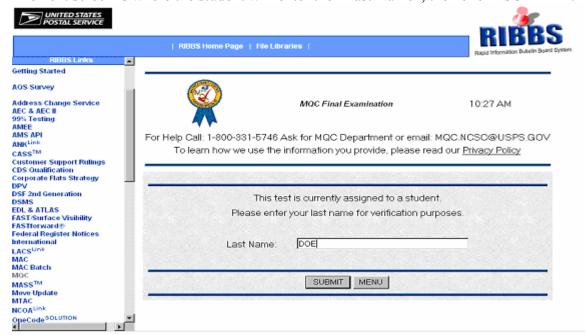
If "**EXIT**" is selected from the previous examination results page, then the student will be asked if they want to "Save Your Work? YES or NO". Click "YES" to save all work (all currently selected answers). Click "NO" to exit the examination without saving the latest answers.

To re-enter the examination, enter the 'Confirmation Number' click "SUBMIT" and then enter the 'Last Name' and click "SUBMIT". It will bring up the examination screen for that confirmation number reflecting the student's name and current round number. If "EXIT" is selected it will return the student to the initial MQC page (refer to page 5).

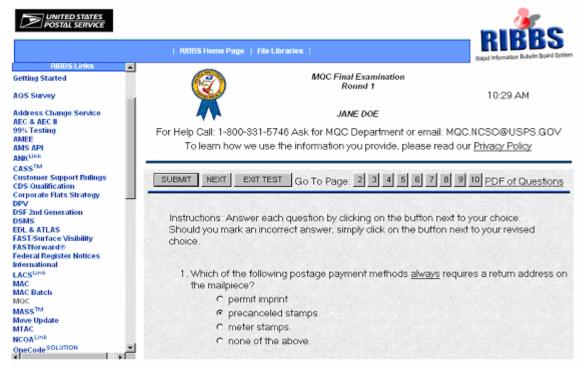
The below screen the student is re-entering the exam, so they need to enter the 'Confirmation Number' and then click "SUBMIT":



The next screen is where the student will enter the "Last Name", then click "SUBMIT":

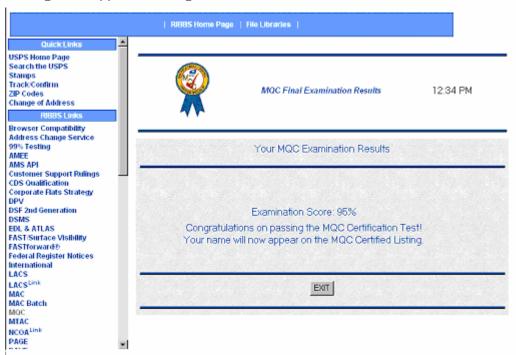


After entering the confirmation number, the student is able to answer the questions or edit answers as desired.



Once the examination has been completed (all questions answered) click "SUBMIT" and the exam will be evaluated.

After the "SUBMIT" has been clicked, the below examination results and the following message will appear advising the student of their examination score:

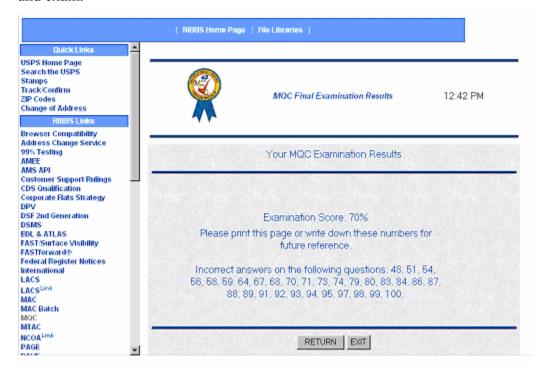


A score of 90% or higher passes the MQC examination and the specialist is now certified for two years. At this point the examination process is complete and the student's name will be added to the MQC Certified Specialist list. The student will receive an MQC Certificate, an official letter from USPS, and an MQC Specialist lapel pin within 7 to 10 business days. Click "EXIT" to exit the MQC Final Examination Results page.

If the examination score is less than 90%, the student has failed the exam. If the number of attempts is less than 4, the student can elect to return to the examination immediately by clicking "**RETURN**". The student can exit the examination and try again at a later time by clicking "**EXIT**". The student will be prompted to save their work (Save Your Work? YES or NO).

To re-enter the exam, simply enter your confirmation number and last name. All your previously saved answers will be selected including the incorrect answers; only change the incorrect answers. If the student only changed a portion of the incorrect answers, then click "EXIT TEST" and save the work, but if ALL the incorrect answers have been changed, then click "SUBMIT" and the system will grade the exam for the next round.

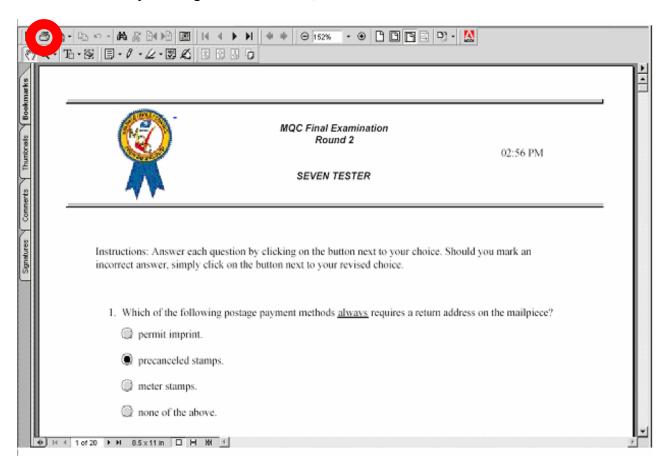
After each exam evaluation the round number will be incremented. The fourth round is the final round after which the confirmation number expires and will not allow any further attempts. A new order and payment must be submitted and sent to NCSC to get another confirmation number and exam.



The student can request a print out of their examination's answers by clicking on "EXIT TEST" and save the work, then go back into the system and click on "PDF of Questions" (the company can elect to suppress this option) and after the student prints the exam, they can click "SUBMIT" for the system to grade the exam.



Once the "PDF of Questions" is clicked the below screen will appear and the student can print their information by clicking on the Print Icon, see the examination below:



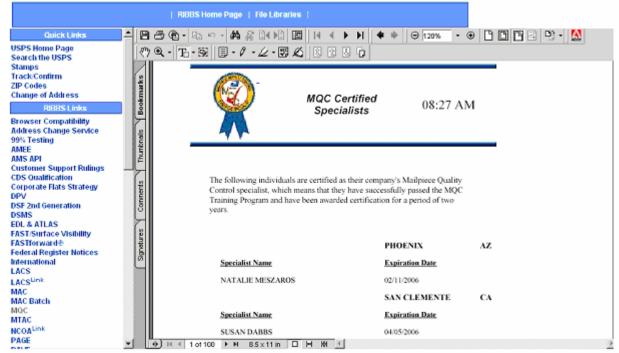
NOTE: If the student wants to print the questions and answers for their exam, they must click on the "PDF Questions" before clicking "SUBMIT"; otherwise, once they click "SUBMIT" the exam will be graded/evaluated and they will not be able to go back into that exam round and print.

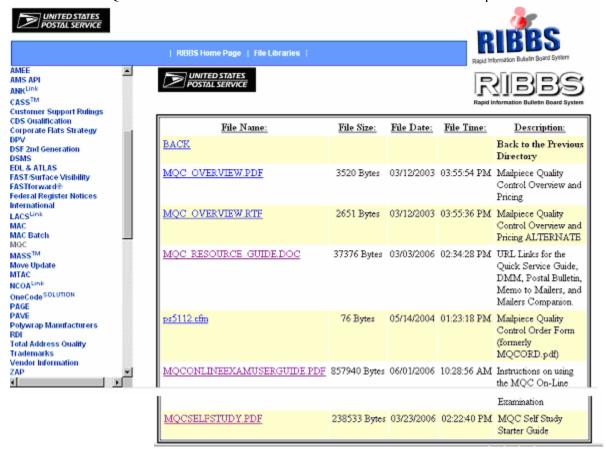
MQC Specialist List report:

Please select the version type of either HTML or PDF:



This is the "PDF" version MQC Specialist List file. This list provides the Specialist/Company Name; City and State; Expiration Date:





Below is the MQC Documents screen. Click on the desired file name to open.

The above screen MQC Document provides choices which have been mentioned above on the other previous MQC screens. These documents consist of the following:

MQC Overview – (Available in PDF and RTF formats)

MQC Order Form (ps5112.cfm) – (Available in PDF format only)

MOC Specialist List – (Available in PDF and RTF formats)

The other unmentioned documents are as follows:

MQC Resource Guide – (Provides various URL links for other publications, which can be helpful when researching a question on the exam)

MQC On-Line Exam User Guide – (Provides visual and text aide for the on-line exam)

MQC Self Study - (This is the MQC Brochure, not the self study guide)

The MQC Self Study Guide direct URL is:

http://pe.usps.gov/mpdesign/misc_docs/mqc.pdf